

SECTION 3: GIFTS

- (a) General Rule. A City Official shall not solicit, accept or agree to accept any Gift or benefit except as authorized in Subsection (b) below.
- (b) ~~Special Applications.~~ It is not a violation of Subsection (a) for a City Official to accept the following: ~~Subsection (a) does not include:~~
- (1) a Gift to a City Official relating to a special occasion, such as a wedding, anniversary, graduation, birth, illness, death, or holiday, provided that the value of the Gift is fairly commensurate with the occasion and the relationship between the donor and recipient;
 - (2) payment by third parties for travel related expenses of a City Official previously authorized by the City Council; ~~reimbursement of reasonable expenses for travel authorized in accordance with City policies;~~
 - (3) a public award or reward for meritorious service or professional achievement, provided that the award or reward is reasonable in light of the occasion;
 - (4) a loan from a lending institution made in its regular course of business on the same terms generally available to the public;
 - (5) a scholarship or fellowship awarded on the same terms and based on the same criteria that are applied to other applicants;
 - (6) admission to an event in which the City Official is participating in connection with Official duties;
 - (7) lawful campaign contributions;
 - (8) attending social functions, ground breakings, or civic events pertinent to the public relations and operations of the City;
 - (9) a City Official giving or receiving Gifts with ~~exchanging Gifts with~~ his family and relatives;
 - (10) a City Official giving or receiving ~~exchanging~~ Gifts at church functions ~~or City parties or functions where only City Officials and their employees are invited or attended;~~
 - (11) a City Official giving or receiving Gifts at City parties;

- (12) a City Official giving or receiving Gifts at functions where only City Officials and their employees are invited or in attendance;
- (13) giving or receiving Gifts or receiving ~~exchanging Gifts or receiving~~ a bonus from the City Official's ~~their~~ place of ~~full-time~~ employment;
- (14) admission or ticket(s) (including parking) to a City Official to an event held at any venue owned in whole or in part by the City;
- (15) reasonable expenses paid by non-profit organizations, the Frisco Community Development Corporation or Frisco Economic Development Corporation for attendance of a City Official at a fund raising event or other meeting;
- (16) reasonable expenses paid by other governments or governmental entities for attendance of a City official at a convention, fact finding mission or trip or other meeting;
- (17) a City Official giving or receiving a Gift whose value does not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00);
- (18) a City Official giving or receiving a Gift in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) from a friend, client or customer if it cannot be reasonably inferred that the Gift was intended to influence the City Official. If the Gift is in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and received within one (1) year of the date the donor, either personally or on behalf of another person or entity, seeks Official Action from the City in which the City Official is in a position to take Official Action, the City Official shall acknowledge the receipt of the Gift to the City; immediately refrain from further participation in the Matter, including discussions with any persons likely to consider the Matter; and remove himself from the dais or area in which the other City Officials who are voting on the measure are seated; and
- (19) a City Official giving or receiving a Gift from a donor other than a friend, client or customer whose value is greater than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and less than two hundred fifty dollars and one cent (\$250.01) provided the City Official complies with the recusal and disclosure process described below:
- (i) The Gift shall be disclosed by the City Official who received it to the City Secretary within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Gift. The disclosure of the Gift to the City Secretary shall be reported to the public as part of the City Secretary's report to the City Council at the next available City Council meeting. The information to be disclosed to the City Secretary is as follows:

- (a) the date the Gift was received and who received it;
 - (b) a description of the Gift;
 - (c) the fair market value of the Gift at the time of its receipt; and
 - (d) the name, address, phone number and employer of the person or entity who provided the Gift.
- (ii) From the date that the City Official knows or should have known that the donor who has made a Gift the subject of this subsection was presenting a matter, either personally or on behalf of another person or entity, in which the City Official may take Official Action and such request is within one (1) year from the date of the Gift described above, the City Official shall:
 - (a) immediately refrain from further participation in the Matter, including discussion with any persons likely to consider the Matter; and
 - (b) remove himself from the dais or area in which the other City Officials who are voting on the measure are seated.
- (c) Application of Chapter 176, Local Government Code. Notwithstanding any gift to a City Official authorized in Section 3(b), a City Official shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 176, Local Government Code.
- (de) Gifts to Closely Related Persons. A City Official shall take reasonable steps to persuade a parent, spouse, child, stepchild, or other relative within the second degree of Consanguinity or Affinity (see Attachment AB@) not to solicit, accept, or agree to accept any Gift or benefit which would violate Subsection (a) if the Official solicited, accepted, or agreed to accept it.